

SENATE BILL 972

By Tracy

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 4, Part 9, relative to dual enrollment
grants.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-930, is amended by deleting subsection (d) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following;

(d) It is the intent of the general assembly that funding for Tennessee HOPE scholarships, Tennessee HOPE access grants and Wilder-Naifeh technical skills grants take priority over funding for dual enrollment grants. In the event of a shortfall of funds available for postsecondary financial assistance from net proceeds of the state lottery, TSAC is authorized to reduce or eliminate dual enrollment grants, prior to a reduction in the amounts awarded for Tennessee HOPE scholarships, Tennessee HOPE access grants and Wilder-Naifeh technical skills grants. Subject to the amounts appropriated by the general assembly, the award for a credit hour taken under a dual enrollment grant shall be two hundred dollars (\$200) for the 2009-2010 academic year. For academic years subsequent to the 2009-2010 academic year, the amount awarded per credit hour for the dual enrollment grant shall be determined in accordance with § 4-51-111 and shall be set in the general appropriations act.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-930, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() TSAC, in consultation with THEC, shall promulgate rules and regulations to permit dual enrollment students who attend high schools operating on a block schedule

to take the two (2) dual enrollment courses in one (1) semester of a school year, in lieu of one (1) dual enrollment course in each of two (2) semester of a school year.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding § 4-5-209 or any other provision of law to the contrary, the Tennessee student assistance corporation is authorized to promulgate public necessity rules to implement the provisions of Section 2 of this act.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.